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BRIEF HISTORY
OF THE
FIRST TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
MEDFORD.

FOR THE USE OF THE MEMBERS.

THE origin of this church was in 1823. The town of Medford, formerly called Mystick, was settled by genuine Puritans, in 1630 ; and a Calvinistic church was organized February 11, 1713, when Rev. AARON PORTER was ordained over it. After a pastoral charge of nine years, he died, and was succeeded by Rev. EBENEZER TURELL, who was ordained November 25, 1721. After a successful ministry of more than half a century, he died December 8, 1778. His sermons show that he was a thorough scholar, a devout Christian, and an eminently evangelical preacher. Towards the close of his ministry, the infirmities of age induced him and his people to make choice of Rev. DAVID OSGOOD as his colleague, who was accordingly ordained September 24, 1774, and who closed his life and labors December 12, 1822. After his decease, a very large majority of the church proceeded to the call and settlement of a Unitarian pastor.

This step rendered a second church a matter of duty and necessity to the minority ; and seventeen members, early in June, 1823, began to meet by themselves for the worship of God according to the faith of their fathers. On the 20th of

the same month, they formed themselves into a society, called "*The Second Congregational Society in Medford.*" A Hall was fitted up as a temporary place of worship, and the desk was supplied by evangelical clergymen, and from the Theological Seminary in Andover, till October 2, when they were organized into a church, called "*The Second Congregational Church in Medford,*" by Rev. Dr. Wisner, of the Old South Church, Boston.

Soon measures were adopted for the erection of a house of worship, which, when completed, was dedicated to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, September 1, 1824; at which time, Rev. AARON WARNER, who had been employed as stated supply from about the time of the organization of the church, was installed its first pastor. His ministry of eight years was eminently successful; there were great accessions to the congregation, and about a hundred additions to the church, in which his memory is most affectionately cherished. He was dismissed, at his own request, October 2, 1832.

Mr. Warner's successor was Rev. GORDON WINSLOW, ordained June 12, 1833, and dismissed November 12, 1834.

Rev. LEVI PRATT was installed pastor, August 19, 1835, and died, much lamented, August 19, 1837.

The next pastor was Rev. ABIAH R. BAKER, who was ordained April 25, 1838. During his ministry, several precious seasons of revival were enjoyed; the church and congregation increased, and larger accommodations in the house of worship became necessary. Besides furnishing members, from time to time, for the organization of several evangelical churches of other denominations, in July, 1847, a strong colony, sixty in number, went out to form the Mystic Church of Medford. Mr. Baker, after an efficient and successful ministry of over ten years, was dismissed, by the decision of an ecclesiastical council, in September, 1848.

For several years the church was without a pastor—passing through severe trials, requiring much faith and patient sacrifice on the part of those who still loved the sacred altar which their fathers had consecrated—until Rev. ELIHU P. MARVIN, who had been supplying the desk for six months previously, was installed as Pastor, February 25, 1852.

From this time, the Great Head of the church began to send prosperity and encouragement. The congregation increased; some souls were added unto the Lord and the church; and in 1853, the church edifice was tastefully remodeled and renovated; and at the beginning of 1856, an organ was added as an important auxiliary in the praise of God.

“Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” To his name be the praise. And for the future, “God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us.”

At a regular meeting of the church, June 25, 1857, it was unanimously resolved to change the name of this church from “Second Congregational,” to “FIRST TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MEDFORD.”

STANDING RULES.

I. All meetings for business shall be opened with prayer.

II. The annual meeting of the church, for the choice of Standing Committee and Officers, and for other business, shall be on the first Tuesday evening in January.

III. A special business meeting may be called at any time when, in the opinion of the Pastor or Deacons, it shall be expedient; and shall be called at any time, upon the written application of five male members of the church.

IV. At the annual meeting, the following elections shall be made for the ensuing year :

1. A Clerk, who shall keep the records of the church, including an accurate list of the admissions, dismissions, and death of members, and of the baptism of children, and at every monthly meeting read the records of the preceding month.

2. A Standing Committee, consisting of nine, of which the Pastor, Deacons and Clerk, shall constitute a part, who shall examine all applicants for admission, and act as a committee of inquiry and discipline.

3. A Treasurer, who shall take charge of all moneys belonging to the church, and of all collections for religious and charitable objects, and make a written report at the annual meeting.

4. An Auditor, who shall examine the Treasurer's account, and report at the annual meeting.

5. A Committee upon contributions for religious and charitable objects, who shall devise and execute a plan for collecting the same, and who shall, at the annual meeting succeeding their election, recommend objects for the coming year.

V. All officers and standing committees shall be chosen by ballot.

VI. Candidates for admission to the church shall, in ordinary cases, stand propounded at least two weeks.

VII. All persons admitted to this church by profession of faith, shall publicly assent to the Confession of Faith, and to the Covenant; and all those received by letter, to the Covenant.

VIII. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be celebrated on the afternoon of the first Sabbaths in January, March, May, July, September and November; and the usual collection shall precede the celebration.

IX. A collection shall be taken up, on the Sabbath preceding Thanksgiving Day, for the benefit of the poor in the congregation, to be distributed by the Deacons.

X. There shall be a meeting specially for business on the first Tuesday evening of each month; and there shall be a meeting specially for devotional exercises and religious conference on Sabbath evening and on Friday evening of each week; and the Preparatory Lecture shall be on the Friday evening next preceding the Communion. And it is considered the duty of all the members to attend these and all the meetings established by vote of the church, unless providentially hindered.

XI. Delegates to ecclesiastical councils and to the conference of churches shall report at the next succeeding monthly meeting.

XII. Members of this church removing from town shall obtain a dismission from this, and a recommendation to the church with which they intend to worship, within one year from the time of such change, unless reasonable excuse be rendered for such neglect. And this church deems it irregular, if any members withdraw from them and unite in communion and worship with other churches, either on account of any offence, or on the plea of better edification, without giving notice to the church and requesting a dismission.

XIII. Members who have been habitually absent from the worship and ordinances of this church for one year, shall not vote in the meetings of the church so long as such habitual absence continues.

XIV. When any member of a sister church shall stately worship and commune with this church for more than one year, without removing his relation to us, it shall be the duty of the Examining Committee to request him to join this church, or to give satisfactory reasons for delay.

XV. The following, according to the 18th of Matthew, shall be deemed the regular course of procedure in all cases of discipline :

1. The brother offended or aggrieved should seek the removal of the offence, in the spirit of the gospel, by fraternal conference with the offender, alone.

2. Failing in the removal of his difficulty thus, he should take with him one or two judicious brethren, and with their mediation strive for Christian satisfaction.

3. This being in vain, he should bring the matter to the notice of the Examining Committee, who shall endeavor to bring about a reconciliation, and (if this cannot be effected, or does not result in harmony) shall prefer a formal complaint before the church against the offending brother.

4. If the church entertain the complaint, they shall

appoint a time for a hearing of the case, and summon the offender to be present at that hearing, furnishing him, at least one week before the time of the hearing, with a copy of the charges against him, together with the names of the witnesses who will be relied on for proof.

5. If, on such hearing, the church are satisfied of the guilt of the party accused, they may vote to admonish him publicly, to suspend him for some definite period from the privileges of the church, or to excommunicate him from its membership, according to the aggravation of the offence.

6. No such vote of censure shall be passed, except upon the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting.

7. In case of the excommunication of any member, notice of the fact shall be given publicly from the pulpit.

XVI. No alteration shall be made in the foregoing rules, unless at a regular meeting of the church, it having been proposed at the next regular meeting previous, and by vote of three-fourths of the members present.

ECCLESIASTICAL PRINCIPLES.

1. This church is an independent ecclesiastical body; and in matters of doctrine, order and discipline, is amenable to no other organization.

2. This church will extend to other evangelical churches, and receive from them, that fellowship, advice and assistance, which the laws of Christ require.

FORM OF ADMISSION.

ADDRESS.

Dear Friends :

You present yourselves in this public manner before God, to make a profession of your faith, and to take upon you the bonds of the everlasting covenant. Having well considered the nature of this transaction, the most solemn and momentous in which a mortal can engage ; and being prepared, as we trust, by divine grace, to renew in public that consecration to God, which you have made in private, you will now attend to the Confession of Faith adopted by this church, and publicly profess the same.

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

ARTICLE I.

We believe there is one, and but one God, the Creator, Preserver and Governor of the Universe ; a being self-existent, independent and immutable ; infinite in power, knowledge, wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

The Being and Perfections of God.

I am the Lord, and there is none else ; there is no God besides me. The Lord is the true God, he is the living God. God is a spirit. The eternal God is thy refuge. I am the Lord, I change not. Do not I

fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. The Lord God omnipotent reigneth. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Thou art good and doest good. To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Righteous art thou, O Lord! and upright are thy judgments. The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion. Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. Is. 45: 5. Jer. 10: 10. Jn. 4: 24. Deut. 33: 37. Mal. 3: 6. Jer. 23: 24. Acts 15: 18. Rev. 19: 6. Eph. 4: 6. Ps. 119: 68. Rom. 16: 27. Is. 6: 3. Ps. 119: 137. Ps. 145: 8. Is. 25: 1.

ARTICLE II.

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God; that they contain a complete and harmonious system of truth; and that they are a perfect rule of doctrinal belief and religious practice.

Inspiration of Scripture.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures. To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. 2 Tim. 3: 16. 2 Pet. 1: 21. 1 Cor. 2: 13. Gal. 1: 11, 12. Matt. 22: 29. Is. 8: 20. Gal. 1: 8. Rev. 22: 18, 19.

ARTICLE III.

We believe that God is revealed in the Scriptures as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that these three are one, and equal in all divine attributes.

The Sacred Trinity.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. The grace of

the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. The Lord (the Holy Ghost) direct your hearts into the love of God, (the Father,) and into the patient waiting for Christ. Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. And God said, Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness. Matt. 28: 19. 2 Cor. 13: 14. 2 Thess. 3: 5. 1 Pet. 1: 2. Gen. 1: 26.

Christ is God.

Who, (Christ,) being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. For unto us a child (Christ) is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. In the beginning was the Word, (Christ,) and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. I and my Father are one. And Thomas answered, and said unto him, (Christ,) My Lord and my God. But unto the Son he (the Father) saith, Thy Throne, O God, is forever and ever; a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. This (Christ) is the true God and eternal life. Whose are the fathers, and of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, God blessed forever. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, (Christ,) which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. For by him (Christ) were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by him, and for him; and he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the judge of quick and dead. That all men should honor the Son even as they honor the Father. And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, (Christ,) forever. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.—Phil. 2: 6. Is. 9: 6. Jn. 1: 1. Jn. 10: 30. Jn. 20: 28. Heb. 1: 8. 1 Jn. 5: 20. Rom. 9: 5. Rev. 1: 8. II Heb. 13: 8. Matt. 18: 20. Jn. 21: 17. Col. 1: 16, 17. Acts 10: 42. Jn. 5: 23. Heb. 1: 6. Rev. 5: 13. Acts 7: 39.

The Holy Ghost is God.

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Ghost? Thou hast not lied unto man, but unto God. Except a man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you? Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of Truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.

For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say. And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him. For the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? The Spirit of God hath made me. By his Spirit he garnisheth the heavens. *Elsewhere the Holy Ghost is called the eternal Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, the Spirit of prayer—the Spirit of power, the Spirit of holiness, the Holy Spirit, and the Comforter. We are baptized in his name, and prayer is offered to him in the Apostolic benediction.—Acts 5: 3, 4. Jn. 3: 5. Jn. 1: 13. 2 Tim. 3: 16. 2 Pet. 1: 21. 1 Cor. 3: 16. 1 Cor. 6: 19. Jn. 16: 13. Luke. 12: 12. Luke. 3: 22. 1 Cor. 2: 10. Ps. 139: 7. Job 26: 13. Job 33: 4.*

ARTICLE IV.

We believe that God in his benevolence made all things to show forth his own glorious perfections; that known unto Him are all his works from the beginning; that He governs all things according to the counsel of his own will; and that the principles and administration of his government are perfectly holy, just and good.

God's Glory the Highest Aim.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things, to whom be glory forever. Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. The Lord hath made all things for himself; yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.—Rev. 4: 11. Rom. 11: 36. 1 Cor. 10: 31. Prov. 16: 4.

God's Counsels, Purposes, and Decrees.

Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will. To the praise and glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the Beloved. Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure, which he hath purposed in himself. In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will. And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation. Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass. And truly the Son of Man goeth as it was determined, but wo unto that man

by whom he is betrayed. Him being delivered, by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together, for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.—Rev. 4: 11. Rom. 11: 36. 1 Cor. 10: 31. Prov. 16: 4. Is. 46: 10. Eph. 1: 4, 6, 9, 11. Acts 17: 26. Job 14: 5. Luke 22: 22. Acts 2: 23. Acts 4: 27, 28.

ARTICLE V.

We believe that God created man holy; and that he fell from his happy state by sinning against God; that in consequence of the fall, mankind are by nature destitute of holiness, and alienated from God, and so continue until regenerated by the special influence of the Holy Spirit.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. So God created man in his own image, (moral likeness,) in the image of God created he him. Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions. Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. By the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation. By one man's disobedience, many were made sinners.—Gen. 1: 26, 27. Eccl. 7: 29. Rom. 5: 12, 18, 19.

Unrenewed Men, dead in Sin and Enemies of God.

But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. For I know that in me, (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God. The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it? And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise; for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin. As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one. There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one. What is man that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman that he should be righteous? That which is born of flesh is flesh, (carnal in its views, feelings and affections,) and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit, (spiritual in its views, feelings and affections.) For the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as

they be born, speaking lies. Foolishness (wickedness) is bound in the heart of a child. For I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb.—Eph. 2: 1. Jn. 5: 42. Rom. 7: 18, and 8: 7, 8. Jer. 17: 9. Gen. 6: 5. Rom. 3: 9—12. Ps. 51: 5. Job. 14: 4, and 15: 14. Jn. 3: 6. Gen. 8: 21. Ps. 58: 3. Prov. 22: 15. Is. 48: 8.

In a State of Condemnation.

And were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The wages of sin is death. And these (the wicked) shall go away into everlasting punishment.—Eph. 2: 3. Gal. 3: 10. Ezek. 18: 4. Rom. 6: 23. Matt. 25: 46.

ARTICLE VI.

We believe that Christ, being God manifest in the flesh, has, by his obedience, sufferings and death, made a full atonement for sin, and thus opened the way for the salvation of all who believe on Him; and that repentance for sin and faith in Jesus Christ, are the indispensable conditions of salvation.

Christ in his Divine Nature, God; in his Human Nature, Man.

In the beginning was the Word, (Christ,) and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word (which was God) was made flesh, and dwelt among us. Who, (Christ,) being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. For in him (Christ) dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, (Christ,) and they shall call his name Immanuel, which, being interpreted, is, God with us. And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. The Jews answered him, (Christ,) saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy, and because that thou, being a man makest thyself God.—John 1: 1, 14. Philip. 2: 6, 7. Col. 2: 9. Matt. 1: 23. 1 Tim. 3: 16. John 10: 33.

Atonement for Sin by the Death of Christ.

But ye are come—to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant. Jesus said unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. This is a faithful saying and worthy of

all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations. For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Without shedding of blood is no remission. And if any man sin we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot; who verily was fore-ordained before the foundation of the world. While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness sake; he will magnify the law and make it honorable.—Heb. 12: 22, 24. John 14: 6. Acts 4: 12. 1 Tim. 1: 15. Luke 24: 46, 47. Matt. 26: 28. Heb. 9: 22. John 2: 1, 2. 1 Pet. 1: 18—20. Rom. 5: 8. Rev. 5: 9. Is. 42: 21.

Faith in his Blood essential to Salvation.

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness, for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God, to declare I say at this time, his righteousness, that he might be just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. For God so loveth the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Rom. 3: 25, 26. John 3: 16.

ARTICLE VII.

We believe that the invitations of the Gospel are full and sincere; that all who will may come and partake of the water of life freely; but that mankind do, of their own accord, most freely and most wickedly refuse to comply with these conditions, so that none of them do or will come, unless drawn by the special influences of the Holy Spirit.

God's Invitations to Sinners are most sincere and gracious.

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters. As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked. Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out. Make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die?—Is. 55: 1. Ezek. 33: 11. Jn. 6: 37. Ezek. 18: 31.

Regeneration by the Holy Spirit necessary.

Jesus answered and said unto him. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Fol-

low peace with all men; and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.—John 3: 3. Heb. 12: 14. Gal. 6: 15. Rom. 8: 7. 1 Cor. 2: 14. Ezek. 36: 26. John 1: 13. Titus 3: 5.

ARTICLE VIII.

We believe the influences of the Holy Spirit are not bestowed on account of any merit in the sinner, but as the free gift of God. But that these influences are ordinarily so connected with the careful use of means, as to impose the most solemn obligation to attend upon them, and to render hope of conversion in the neglect of means, or while living in sin, eminently presumptuous.

How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath or doubting. If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find. Strive to enter in at the strait gate. The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent (the earnest and determined seekers) take it by force.—Rom. 10: 14. 1 Tim. 2: 8. Prov. 2: 4, 5. Matt. 7: 7. Luke 13: 24. Matt. 11: 12.

ARTICLE IX.

We believe that all who obtain salvation through Christ, “were chosen in Him before the foundation of the world,” and that all who truly believe in him, are justified on account of his righteousness, and will be kept by the mighty power of God, through faith unto salvation.

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Election and Predestination.

For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them He also called; and whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, them he also glorified. And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord; and as many as were ordained to eternal life, believed. According as he hath chosen us in Him, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will. In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will. Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling; not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.—Rom. 8: 29—30. Acts 13: 48. Rom. 9: 11, and 11: 5, 7. Eph. 1: 4, 5, 11. 2 Thess. 2: 13. 2 Tim. 1: 9. 1 Pet. 1: 2. Eph. 2: 8, 9, 10, and 3: 11. Gal. 2: 16. Rom. 3: 20, 24, 28, and 5: 1, and 8: 1. John 5: 24. Phil. 1: 6.

Final Perseverance of the Saints.

They went out from us, but they were not of us, for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out that they might be made manifest, that they were not all of us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me, I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; and they follow me. And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me is greater than all, and none is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified. But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.—1 John 2: 19. Rom. 8: 38, 39. John 6: 39. John 10: 27—29. Psalm 37: 23, 24. Job 17: 9. Rom. 8: 30. Prov. 4: 18. Phil. 1: 6. 1 Pet. 1: 5.

ARTICLE X.

We believe that in this world, the Lord Jesus Christ has a visible church; the terms of membership are a

credible profession of faith in Christ, and of that holiness, which is wrought by the renewing grace of God ; and that habitual communion with God, and constant attendance upon public, family and secret worship, and the practice of righteousness, temperance, sobriety, sincerity and truth, are essential to Christian character.

Unto the church of God, which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body being many, are one body ; so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free ; and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. That in the dispensation of the fullness of times, he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth, even in him. And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church ; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee. Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is. Then David returned to bless his house. The Psalmist says, Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray and cry aloud. Daniel kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God as he did aforetime. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. It is good for me to draw near to God. Enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret. He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty ; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt. Let us watch and be sober.—1 Cor. 1 : 2. 2 Tim. 2 : 19. 1 Cor. 12 : 12, 13. Eph. 1 : 10, 22, 23. Rev 2 : 7. Matt. 16 : 18. Psalm 122 : 6. Heb. 10 : 25. 2 Sam. 6 : 20. Psalm 55 : 17. Dan 6 : 10. Josh. 24 : 15. Psalm 73 : 28. Matt. 6 : 6. Prov. 16 : 32. Coloss. 4 : 6. 1 Thess. 5 : 6. Matt 18 : 19, 20.

ARTICLE XI.

We believe that the sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism and the Lord's Supper ; Baptism to be administered only to covenanting believers and their households ; and the Supper only to believers in regular standing and communion with the church.

Baptism.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.—Matt. 28: 19. Acts. 2: 41.

Household Baptism; the Seal of the Covenant on Believers and their Children.

And I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee, in their generation, for an everlasting covenant; to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant, therefore, thou and thy seed after thee, in their generations. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep between me and you, and thy seed after thee; every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. And he that is eight days old, shall be circumcised among you, and every man child in your generations; he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith, which he had, yet being uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace, to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all. For the promise is unto you and your children. Their children shall also be as aforetime. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; else were your children unclean, but now they are holy. But Jesus called them unto him and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his straightway. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas.—Gen. 17: 7, 9, 10, 11, 12. Rom. 4: 11, 16. Acts 2: 39. Jer. 31: 20. 1 Cor. 7: 14. Luke 18: 16. Acts 16: 33. Acts 16: 15. 1 Cor. 1: 16.

The Lord's Supper.

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many, for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you. That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread. And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body which was broken for you; this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, say-

ing, This cup is the New Testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it, and he shall be as one that is born in the land; for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldst take my covenant in thy mouth? The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord; but the prayer of the upright is his delight.—Matt. 26: 26—30. 1 Cor. 11: 23—26. Ex. 12: 48. Matt. 10: 32, 33. 2 Cor. 6: 14, 15. Ps. 50: 16. Prov. 15: 8.

ARTICLE XII.

Finally, we believe that at death, and not before, the souls of believers are made perfectly holy, and do immediately pass into glory; and that the souls of the wicked do, at death, pass immediately to a state of punishment; that at the end of the world, there will be a resurrection of the dead, when all mankind will give account to God of their conduct, and be judged according to what they have done; and the righteous, publicly acquitted, will enter into life eternal; and the wicked, publicly condemned, will go away into punishment that will never end.

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation. And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory. And before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another as a shepherd

divideth the sheep from the goats. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. We shall all stand before the judgment-seat of Christ. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. For we must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in the body according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil. But I say unto you, that every idle word, that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment. Then shall the King say unto them on the right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day nor night, who worship the beast, and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost, hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation. The Son of Man goeth as it is written of him; but wo unto that man, by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born.—Heb. 9: 27. Eccl. 12: 7. 1 Cor. 15: 52. John 5: 28, 29. Acts 24: 15. Matt. 25: 31—33. Rom. 14: 10, 12. 2 Cor. 5: 10. Eccl. 12: 14. Matt. 12: 36. Matt. 25: 34, 41, 46. Rev. 14: 13. 2 Thess. 1: 9. Rev. 14: 11. Dan. 12: 2. Mark 3: 29. Matt. 26: 24. Luke 23: 43.

THE COVENANT.

Confessing that you are sinners; that you have departed from God, and have lived under the influence of that carnal mind which is enmity against him; you do now, in His presence and before this assembly, solemnly avouch this God, Jehovah, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to be your God; the object of your supreme affection, and your portion forever. You cordially acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ to be your only Saviour, and the Holy Spirit to be your Sanctifier, Comforter and Guide. You heartily devote

yourselves to God, in the everlasting covenant of his grace ; you unreservedly consecrate all that you have and are, to his service and glory ; and you promise that, through the assistance of his Spirit, you will cleave to him as your sovereign Lord ; that you will give diligent attendance to his word and ordinances ; that you will seek, above all things, the honor and interests of his kingdom ; and that, henceforth, denying all ungodliness and every worldly lust, you will live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world.

[The ordinance of Baptism to be administered. If any join by letter, they will now arise.]

You do now cordially join yourself to this church of Christ, engaging that you will hold communion with it in all Christian ordinances, and submit to its discipline, as God in his word enjoins ; that you will strive earnestly for its peace, edification and purity ; that you will watch over its members in love, faithfully reproving them, if they go astray, and that you will walk with them in charity, circumspection, meekness and sobriety.

Do you thus covenant and engage.

In consequence of these professions and engagements, we, the members of this church, [*here the members of the church will rise,*] affectionately receive you to our communion, and, in the name of Christ, declare you entitled to all its privileges. We welcome you to this fellowship with us in the blessings of the

gospel, and on our part engage to watch over you, and seek your edification, so long as you shall continue with us. And may we prove together, in this new connection, the fullness of that blessing, which our Lord hath promised to them that are in covenant with him ; may his richest grace rest upon you to the end of your pilgrimage ; and may an abundant entrance be administered to us all into the joy of our Lord.—
AMEN.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

PASTORS.

REV. AARON WARNER,—Installed September 1, 1824; dismissed October 10, 1832.

REV. GORDON WINSLOW,—Ordained June 12, 1833; dismissed November 12, 1834.

REV. LEVI PRATT,—Installed August 19, 1835; died August 9, 1837.

REV. ABIJAH R. BAKER,—Ordained April 25, 1838; dismissed September 20, 1848.

REV. ELIHU P. MARVIN,—Installed February 25, 1852.

DEACONS.

NATHANIEL JAQUITH,
CHARLES JAMES,
SAMUEL TRAIN,
GALEN JAMES,
JOTHAM STETSON,

JOHN STETSON,
JUDAH LORING,
ROLAND JACOBS,
THOMPSON KIDDER.

Edward W. Fay.

CLERKS.

GALEN JAMES,
AARON BLANCHARD,
CHARLES JAMES,
JOHN STIMPSON,
NATHANIEL H. BISHOP,

EDWARD W. FAY,
JUDAH LORING,
LORENZO CLISBY,
FRANCIS. H. KIDDER.

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

Those names marked with an asterisk, (*) are of persons deceased : those with an obelisk, (†) of persons dismissed to other churches ; those with an e, of persons excommunicated ; those with an s, of persons suspended.

ORIGINAL MEMBERS, OCTOBER 2, 1823.

† James, Galen.	<i>First Ch., Medford.</i>
† Crosby, Jesse.	" "
† Jameson, Thomas.	" "
* Blanchard, Gilbert.	" "
* Clay, Mary.	" "
† Fitch, Hepzibah.	" "
† Fitch, Nancy.	" "
† Magoun, Mary.	" "
* Blanchard, Mary.	" "
* Bailey, Elizabeth.	" "
† Rogers, Harriet G.	" "
* Clay, Ann.	" "
* James, Mary R.	" "
Blanchard, 2d, Mary.	" "
† Jameson, Nancy.	" "
* Crosby, Hannah.	" "
* Kidder, Mary.	" "
* Kidder, Thompson.	<i>Park St. Ch., Boston.</i>
* Blanchard, Lucy.	[Wood.] <i>Old South Ch., Boston.</i>
† Jaquith, Nathaniel.	<i>Ch. in Reading.</i>
* White, Cynthia.	<i>Ch. in Merrimack.</i>
White, John T.	<i>Ch. in Deerfield.</i>
† Forsayth, James.	<i>Relief Ch., Burnhead, Scotland.</i>
† Forsayth, Janette.	" " "
Pratt, Thomas.	<i>Ch. in Chelsea.</i>
* Pratt, Phoebe.	" "

ADMISSIONS.

1823.

† Plummer, Abigail.	<i>Ch. in Newburyport.</i>
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1824.

* Teel, Samuel.	<i>First Ch., Medford.</i>
* Porter, Benjamin.	<i>Ch. in Lyme, N. H.</i>
* Porter, Prudence.	" " "

- Nixon, Dolly. [Butters.] *Ch. in East Pembroke, N. H.*
 † Stoddard, Eunice. *Ch. in Hollis, N. H.*
 † Clough, Mary Ann D. *First Ch., Medford.*
 * Hall, Mary B. " "
 * Pratt, Nancy. *Ch. in Gloucester.*
 † Tufts, Catharine. *Second Cong. Ch., Portland, Me.*

1825.

- † Rugg, Solomon. *Ch. in Oxford, N. H.*
 † Rugg, Mabel. " " "
 * Teel, Anna. *Ch. in New Ipswich, N. H.*
 † Richardson, Josiah. *Ch. in Malden.*
 † Crosfields, Timothy. " "
 * Odiorne, Thomas. " "
 * Bryant, Anne. *Park St. Ch., Boston.*
 † Blanchard, Eliza. *By profession.*
 † Drew, Lucy. " "
 † Brooks, Gilbert. " "
 † Farrar, Eunice. " "
 * Tufts, Hannah. " "

1826.

- * James, Patience. *Ch. in Scituate.*
 † Tufts, Hannah, 2d. *Old South Ch., Boston.*

1827.

- † Sables, Dorothy F. *First Ch., Charlestown.*
 † Tufts, Eliza. *Ch. in West Cambridge.*
 Eames, Mary. [Richardson.] *By profession.*
 † Hatch, Elizabeth. " "
 † James, Charles. " "
 Cushing, Hannah. " "
 † Johnson, Samuel. " "
 † Taylor, John. " "
 † Jenkins, Joel. " "
 * Kidder, James. " "
 † Brown, Nahum. " "
 † Clough, John. " "
 † James, Joseph. " "
 † Stetson, Jotham. " "
 e Bass, Alden. " "
 Blanchard, Martha. " "
 Kidder, Mary Ann. " "
 † Sables, Elizabeth. [Hayden.] " "
 Withington, Martha. " "
 † Hill, Sarah. [Stowell.] " "

† Wait, Elizabeth.	[Clouse.]	<i>By profession.</i>
† Hill, Jane.	"	"
† Bridgen, Sarah.	[Adams.]	" "
* Clisby, Martha.	"	"
† Hall, Abigail.	[Eastman.]	" "
† Hall, Susan.	"	"
† Pierson, Sally.	"	"
† James, Sarah D.	"	"
† Curtis, Almira.	"	"
† Sables, Dolly.	<i>First Ch., Medford.</i>	
† M'Clure, Martha.	[Tufts.]	<i>By profession.</i>
† Davis, Lydia S.	"	"
† Hadyn, Elisha.	"	"
† Pierson, John.	"	"
† Wait, Angelina.	[Johnson.]	<i>First Ch., Medford.</i>
† Emerson, Esther.	<i>By profession.</i>	
Tainter, Lydia.	"	"
† Rich, Susan.	"	"
* Rogers, Judith.	"	"
† James, Eliza.	[Taylor.]	" "
* Floyd, Rebekah.	"	"
* Blanchard, Aaron.	"	"
† Eastman, Benjamin.	"	"
† Curtis, Paul.	"	"
* Brooks, Martha B.	"	"
* Cannel, Rebecca.	"	"
† Clapp, Lydia B.	"	"
† Odiorne, Mary Ann.	"	"
† Stetson, Harriet James.	"	"

1828.

† Emerson, David, Jr.	<i>Ch. in Reading.</i>	
‡ Richardson, Azor.	"	"
* Nash, Edward Ells.	<i>By profession.</i>	
† Hastings, Zadock P.	"	"
† Eastman, Sophia.	"	"

1829.

† James, Hannah.	<i>Ch. in Scituate.</i>	
† Hall, Mercy.	<i>Ch. in Castine, Me.</i>	
† Magoun, Thatcher.	<i>By profession.</i>	
* Magoun, Susan.	[Adams.]	" "
* Gleason, Susan.	"	"
Kidder, Emily.	[Jacobs]	" "
† Hall, Ann S.	"	"

1830.

Baker, Lucy. *By profession.*
 Cutter, Lydia P. " "

1831.

Bishop, Mary S. *By profession.*
 *Eames, Mary. " "
 †Eaton, Nancy. " "
 *Adams, Lucy. " "
 Train, Samuel. *Park St. Ch., Boston.*
 *Train, Hannah P. " "
 †Adams, Ripley P. *Bowdoin St. Ch., Boston.*
 Kidder, Samuel. *Cong. Ch., Charlestown.*
 *Kidder, Hannah P. " "
 †Kidder, Mary B. R. [Bliss.] " "

1832.

*Bishop, Nathaniel H. *By profession.*
 Lewis, George A. " "
 †James, Thomas. " "
 †Tolman, Elisha. " "
 †Adams, Eliza. " "
 †Lovejoy, Harriet. " "
 Eames, Harriet. [Nickerson.] *By profession.*
 †Jaquith, Elinor. *By profession.*
 †Wait, Rebecca. " "
 †Wait, Nancy. [Vaughn.] *By profession.*
 †James, Charlotte. [Tolman.] " "
 Jacobs, Roland. " "
 †Stetson, John. " "
 †Hall, Hepzibah. " "
 s Richardson, James. *Second Pres. Ch., Utica, N. Y.*
 Davis, Lucinda. [Robinson.] *By profession.*
 †Stimpson, Harriet. " "
 †Tufts, Emily. " "
 †Crosby, Hannah D. " "
 †Kidder, Ellen. [Coggin.] " "
 †James, Horace. " "

1833.

† James, Elizabeth W. *Ch. in Bedford.*
 Foster, Ann. [Pratt.] *Ch. in Greenfield.*
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1834.

† M'Clure, Fanny.	[Crosby.]	<i>By letter.</i>
† James, Amanda.	" "	" "
† Winslow, Catharine F.	" "	" "
*Clisby, George.		<i>By profession.</i>
† Butters, Jacob.	" "	" "
† Butters, Sarah B.	" "	" "
† Ewell, Elijah, Jr.	" "	" "
e Hadyn, William.	" "	" "
† James, Charles W.	" "	" "
† Jaquith, Nathaniel C.	" "	" "
Lapham, Adam.	" "	" "
*Porter, George.	" "	" "
Pratt, Reuben.	" "	" "
Pratt, Thomas Waitt.	" "	" "
Stevens, David.	" "	" "
† Stimpson, John.	" "	" "
*Tainter, Elisha.	" "	" "
† Teel, Albert K.	" "	" "
† Clough, Mary A.	" "	" "
† Gardner, Lydia T.	" "	" "
† Lewis, Rhoda.	" "	" "
† Merrill, Cynthia W.	" "	" "
† Porter, Abigail.	" "	" "
† Sables, Lucy.	" "	" "
*Train, Mary Ann.	[Stearns.]	<i>By profession.</i>
Stevens, Lydia T.	" "	" "
† Stimpson, Betsey.	" "	" "
† Todd, Margaret S.	" "	" "
Wild, Ruth.	" "	" "

1835.

† Pratt, Abby P.	[Ward.]	<i>By letter.</i>
† Teel, Jonathan.	" "	" "
† Teel, Rebecca.	" "	" "
Gregg, Alexander.	" "	" "
*Nash, Mary L.	" "	" "
† Magoun, Martha B.	[Adams.]	<i>By profession.</i>
† Teel, Lydia.	" "	" "

1836.

† Teel, Samuel.	<i>By profession.</i>
† Teel, Merriam.	" "
† Brown, Amelia E.	[Allen.] <i>By profession.</i>
† Danforth, Susan C.	" "

- † Whiting, Marcus. *Pine St. Ch., Boston.*
 † Whiting, Elizabeth. " "
 † James, Angelina T. *Park St. Ch., Boston.*
 Lawrence, W. R. " "
 Lawrence, Mercy. " "
 † Brooks, Elizabeth. *By letter.*
 † Llewellyn, Edmund. " "

1837.

- Otis, Hannah. *Ch. in Stratham, N. H.*
 † Bigelow, Wethena B. *First Ch., Medford.*

1838.

- † Sprague, William B. *Ch. in Bath, Me.*
 † Sprague, Hannah M. " "
 † Osgood, David, *Ch. in Bolton.*
 † Osgood, Eliza. " "
 Crouch, Edmund. *Ch. in Acton.*
 † Putney, Caroline. *Ch. in Woburn.*

1839.

- † Forbes, Daniel H. *Ch. in Amherst.*
 † Mason, Grace W. *Ch. in Hallowell, Me.*
 * Wild, Deborah. *Ch. in Braintree.*
 * Page, Mary. *Park St. Ch., Boston.*
 † Binney, Sarah. *By profession.*
 † Clapp, Lydia R. " "
 Tainter, Charlotte. " "
 † Tainter, Emeline. [Ewell.] *By profession.*
 Huffmaster, Martha R. [Norton.] "
 Huffmaster, Mary. [Drecker.] "
 Bancroft, Eunice R. [Crouch.] "
 † Clary, Margaret. *By profession.*
 † Ruggles, Caroline E. " "
 † Wellman, Caroline. " "
 Ells, Lydia. [Clark.] " "
 * Green, Martha. *Ch. in Andover.*
 † Teel, Thomas. *Ch. in West Cambridge.*
 † Teel, Susan. " "
 Gerry, Charlotte. [Leeds.] *Ch. in Woburn.*
 † Baker, Harriet Woods. *Ch. in Andover.*
 Clark, George. *By profession.*
 Ackerman, Ira P. " "
 † Maloney, Susan. [Hardy.] " "

- † Swan, Hannah. *First Ch. in Woburn.*
 Johnson, Harriet. *First Ch., Charlestown.*
 *Brigden, Timothy. *By profession.*
 *Brigden, Lucy. " "
 Burrage, Rebecca. " "

1840.

- † Cotton, James A. *Ch. in Derry, N. H.*
 † Gregg, Sarah. [McPherson.] *Ch. in New Boston, N. H.*
 *Adams, Annis. " "
 Pierce, Joseph. *By profession.*
 Pierce, Ruth. " "
 Huffmaster, Susan. " "
 † Sawtell, Eliza Ann. " "
 Pratt, George. " "
 † Teel, Edwin. " "
 Clisby, Lorenzo. " "
 † Hyde, Lucretia. " "
 † Wier, Rachel. " "
 Trull, Elizabeth C. " "
 Teel, Rachel. [Merrill.] " "
 Pierce, Mary A. [Rand.] " "
 † Curtis, Helen M. " "
 † Stetson, Almira. " "
 Teel, Samuel, Jr. " "
 Teel, Elizabeth. " "
 Allen, Susan. " "
 † Lawrence, Elizabeth. " "
 † Pratt, Sarah A. [Atkins.] " "
 † James, Matilda T. " "

1841.

- *Brown, John O. *First Ch., Charlestown.*
 † Magoun, Martha T. " "
 White, Mary C. *Shepard Ch., Cambridge.*
 † Stetson, Eliza Ann. *Ch. in Canton.*
 † Pollard, Elizabeth S. *First Ch., Woburn.*
 † Gilman, Benjamin F. *Ch. in Manchester, N. H.*
 Porter, Abigail. *Salem Ch., Boston.*
 *Trefethen, Sarah A. *Baptist Ch., Cambridgeport.*
 † Sables, Sarah M. *Ch. in Cambridgeport.*
 † Russell, John. *By profession.*
 *Swanberg, William. " "
 Waitt, Elizabeth T. " "
 Pullen, Nancy. " "

† Crooker, Irene.		<i>By profession.</i>
† Turner, Caroline M.	[Russell.]	" "
† Gardner, Martha A.	"	" "
* Pratt, Mary.	"	" "
Pratt, Mary L.	"	" "
Pratt, Lucy,	"	" "

1842.

* Fay, Edward W.	<i>First Ch., Charlestown.</i>	
† Binney, Jonathan.	<i>By profession.</i>	
* Loring, Judah.	" "	
Drecker, John Henry.	" "	
* Barker, Joanna.	" "	
Dane, Hannah G.	<i>South Ch., Andover.</i>	
Fay, Charlotte K.	<i>First Ch., Charlestown.</i>	
† Gardner, Almira.	<i>By profession.</i>	
* Keene, Ann W.	" "	
Kidder, Susan T.	<i>First Ch., Charlestown.</i>	
Loring, Betsey W.	<i>First Ch., Braintree.</i>	
Pullen, Laura.	[Pratt.]	<i>By profession.</i>
† Richards, Lucinda.	" "	
Thomas, Elizabeth P.	" "	
Clark, Samuel.	" "	
* Eames, John, Jr.	" "	
† Hopkins, Franklin.	" "	
† Kidder, Samuel, Jr.	" "	
Nickerson, William J.	" "	
† Porter, Harrison.	" "	
Riley, David M.	" "	
† Ackerman, Sarah.	" "	
† Barker, Mary A.	[Very.]	" "
Bennett, Almira P.	" "	
* Buxton, Ann.	" "	
* Cady, Anna.	" "	
† Carter, Mary.	" "	
† Clisby, Martha.	[McAlpine.]	" "
Eames, Louisa.	[Woods.]	" "
* Hathaway, Lucy A.	[Knights.]	" "
† James, Mary A.	" "	
Kidder, Sarah.	" "	
Lapham, Nancy.	" "	
Lapham, Olive B.	" "	
† Orr, Matilda K.	[Page.]	" "
Pullen, Catharine.	[Currier.]	" "
† Redman, Mary J.	" "	
Rogers, Theresa O.	" "	
Sparrell, Sylvia S.	" "	

Sparrell, Sarah E. [Clisby.]	<i>By profession.</i>
† Sprague, Mary E.	" "
† Taylor, Mary Jane. [Hopkins.]	" "
† Train, Rebecca H. [Lemist.]	" "
White, Mary H.	" "
† Sawyer, George.	" "
† Jaquith, Henry H.	" "
Govan, Mary E. [Young.]	" "
† Tilden, Hannah S.	" "
Gerry, Sarah G.	" "
Maloney, Susan.	<i>By letter.</i>
* Govan, Jane.	<i>Ch. in Rowe.</i>
Morgan, Emanuel S.	<i>Spring St. Ch., Roxbury.</i>
Morgan, Mary.	" "
† Waitt, Peter.	<i>By profession.</i>

1843.

Clark, Cynthia Davis.	<i>Ch. in Nashua, N. H.</i>
† Clark, Hepzibah. [Griffin.]	" " "
† Merrill, Cynthia W.	<i>Ch. in South Boston.</i>
† Bridgen, Elizabeth. [Emerson.]	<i>By profession.</i>
† Louden, Mary A. [Taylor.]	" "
† Lemist, George H.	" "
Cady, Susan.	" "
Griffin, Frances. [Emerson.]	" "
† Gay, Mary.	<i>Third Ch., Portland, Me.</i>

1844.

† Hathaway, Aaron K.	<i>Ch. in Woburn.</i>
† Hathaway, Mary A.	" "
† Kimball, Eliza P. [Smith.]	<i>Ch. in East Cambridge.</i>
† Pratt, Caroline H. [Bowers.]	<i>By profession.</i>
† Cheney, Elizabeth H.	" "
Kidder, Francis H.	" "
† Hatch, Asa L.	" "
* Eames, John.	" "
Pullen, Charles.	" "
† Cheney, William.	" "
† Richards, Nathan.	" "
† Tilden, Edward F.	" "
Gregg, Jane M.	" "
Sawyer, Mary C.	<i>Central Ch., Boston.</i>
Johnson, Angelina W.	<i>Ch. in Ravenna, Ohio.</i>
† Sawyer, Susan E.	<i>By profession.</i>
Clisby, Charlotte M. [Brewer.]	<i>By profession.</i>
† Stetson, Harriet R.	" "

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- Sawyer, Mary E. *By profession.*
 Burrage, Henry. *Ch. in Winchester.*
 † Clough, Sarah F. *By profession.*
 † Binney, Mary E. " "
 *Rogers, Philip. " "
 Meader, Jane. *Ch. in Andover, West Parish.*

1845.

- † Hall, George. *By letter.*

1846.

- † Dixon, Mary Ann. *By letter.*
 † Rogers, Thomas W. " "
 † Rogers, Jane. " "
 † Tufts, Caroline M. *Ch. in Brookline.*
 Buckminster, Edward F. *By letter.*
 *Pratt, Hannah M. S. " "
 Buckminster, Nancy H. " "

1847.

- Gregg, Mary B. *First Ch., West Newbury.*
 † Govan, Andrew. *Ch. in Acton.*
 Libbey, Elbridge G. *By letter.*
 Libbey, Caroline C. " "
 † Mellen, Lucinda G. *Evan. Cong. Ch., Cambridgeport.*
 † Mills, Sarah S. *First Ch., Charlestown.*

1849.

- † Clisby, Aaron W. *By profession.*
 Butters, Lucy B. M. " "
 Bishop, Eliza. [Emery.] " "
 Kimball, Mary E. " "

1850.

- Moore, Mary G. [Turner.] *By profession.*
 † Paul, Ruth B. *Ch. in Taunton.*
 † Sanborne, Josiah. *Centre Cong. Ch., Haverhill.*
 † Sanborne, Mrs. " "

1851.

- Clisby, Ripley A. *By profession.*
 Brenner, Esther. [Stevens.] *By profession.*

1852.

- Pratt, Lydia A. *By letter.*
 *Jones, Catharine. *By profession.*
 *Marvin, Elizabeth B. *Pres. Ch., Coldwater, Mich.*
 Kidder, Julia T. *By profession.*
 Brenner, Rebecca H. " "
 Cunningham, Mary A. [Brenner.] " "
 †Lane, Julia M. " "
 †Wetherbee, Caroline P. [Sweat.] " "
 †Barker, Ira T. " "
 †Barker, Ann D. " "
 †Frazier, Simon. *By letter.*
 Jacobs, Charles W. *By profession.*
 †James, Adaline P. " "
 Pullen, Ruth A. " "
 Teel, Charlotte. " "
 Currier, Charles. " "
 *Frazier, Isabella. " "
 †Cruikshanks, Alexander. *By letter.*

1853.

- Cameron, Jane. *By profession.*
 Clarke, Frances W. " "
 Simmons, Irene. *Salem Ch., Boston.*
 Ginn, Jane W. *By profession.*
 Ginn, Sarah M. " "
 Kidder, Thompson. " "

1854.

- *Magoun Thatcher. *Mystic Church, Medford.*
 Magoun, Mary. " "
 Magoun, Martha T. " "
 Wheelwright, George S. *Shawmut Ch., Boston.*
 Wheelwright, Lydia B. " "
 Kidder, Maria L. *Essex St. Ch., Boston.*
 Chadbourne, Samuel R. *By profession.*
 Chapman, Ariel K. " "
 Chapman, Sarah W. " "
 Davis, Duncan. " "
 Davis, Agnes. " "
 Kidder, George. *John St. Ch., Lowell.*
 †Perkins, H. K. W. *Ch. in Brownfield, Me.*

1855.

- †Skillings, David N. *Mount Vernon Ch., Boston.*
 †Skillings, Mary. *By profession.*

Riley, Lucy M. *Baldwin Place Bap. Ch., Boston.*
 Marvin, Julia A. *Winthrop Ch., Charlestown.*
 † Thackery, Richard. *By profession.*
 Griner, Elizabeth F. " "
 † Thompson, Althea F. [Southwick.] *By profession.*
 Johnson, Lucy T. " "
 Harlow, Mary W. " "
 Wier, Janet. *Phillips Ch., S. Boston.*

1856.

Roberts, Betsey. *Ch. in West Cambridge*
 Burrage, Hannah J. *By profession.*

1857.

Seabury, Mary. *Winthrop Ch., Charlestown.*
 Shattuck, Hannah. *Ch. in W. Chester.*
 Flint, Ann K. *Ch. in Roxbury.*
 King, Clarissa. *Ch. in Norton.*
 Simpson, Alexander. *By profession.*
 Kingon, Mary. " "
 Kingon, Eliza. " "
 Magoun, Susan M. " "
 Ackerman, Eliza Ann. " "
 Sparrell, Elineline A. " "
 Barnes, Henry L. *Mount Vernon Ch., Boston.*
 Barnes, Rachel A. " " "
 Barnes, Sarah H. " " "
 Bishop, Heber. *By profession.*

 SUMMARY.

Original members,	.	.	.	.	26
Admitted by letter,	.	.	.	.	144
" " profession,	.	.	.	.	275—445
Died,	.	.	.	.	68
Dismissed by letter,	.	.	.	.	219
Excommunicated,	.	.	.	.	2
Suspended,	.	.	.	.	2
Present members,	.	.	.	.	154—445

PRESENT MEMBERS.

Ackerman, Ira P.
Ackerman, Eliza Ann
Allen, Susan

Baker, Lucy
Barnes, Henry L.
Barnes, Rachel A.
Barnes, Sarah H.
Bishop, Heber
Bishop, Mary S.
Bennett, Almira P.
Blanchard, Mary
Blanchard, Martha
Butters, Lucy B. M.
Burrage, Henry
Burrage, Hannah J.
Burrage, Rebecca
Buckminster, Edward F.
Buckminster, Nancy H.
Brewer, Charlotte M.
Brenner, Rebecca H.
Brenner, Mary A.

Cameron, Jane
Cady, Susan
Cushing, Hannah
Cutter, Lydia P.
Chadbourn, Samuel R.
Chapman, Ariel K.
Chapman, Sarah W.
Clark, Samuel
Clark, Lydia Ellis
Clark, George
Clark, Cynthia Davis
Clark, Frances W.
Clisby, Lorenzo
Clisby, Sarah E.
Clisby, Ripley A.
Currier, Charles
Currier, Catharine P.
Crouch, Edmund
Crouch, Eunice R.

Dane, Hannah G.
Davis, Duncan
Davis, Agnes
Drecker, John Henry
Drecker, Mary H.

Emery, Eliza Bishop
Emerson, Frances G.

Fay, Charlotte K.
Flint, Ann K.

Gerry, Sarah G.
Ginn, Jane W.
Ginn, Sarah M.
Gregg, Alexander
Gregg, Jane M.
Gregg, Mary B.
Griner, Elizabeth F.

Harlow, Mary W.
Hartshorn, Mary H.
Huffmaster, Susan

Jacobs, Roland
Jacobs, Emily
Jacobs, Charles W.
Johnson, Harriet
Johnson, Angelina W.
Johnson, Lucy T.

Kidder, Mary Ann
Kidder, Thompson
Kidder, Sarah
Kidder, Maria L.
Kidder, George
Kidder, Samuel
Kidder, Susan T.
Kidder, Francis H.
Kidder, Julia T.
Kimball, Mary E.
King, Clarissa

Kington, Mary
Kington, Eliza

Lapham, Adam
Lapham, Nancy
Lapham, Olive B.
Lawrence William R.
Lawrence, Mercy
Leeds, Charlotte G.
Lewis, George A.
Libbey, Elbridge G.
Libbey, Caroline C.
Loring, Betsey W.

Magoun, Mary
Magoun, Martha T.
Magoun, Susan M.
Marvin, Julia A.
Maeder, Jane
Maloney, Susan
Merrill, Rachel T.
Morgan, Emanuel S.
Morgan, Mary

Nickerson, William J.
Nickerson, Harriet E.
Norton, Martha R.

Otis, Hannah

Porter, Abigail
Pierce, Joseph
Pierce, Ruth
Pratt, Thomas
Pratt, Ann F.
Pratt, Thomas W.
Pratt, Laura P.
Pratt, Reuben
Pratt, George
Pratt, Lydia A.
Pratt, Mary L.
Pratt, Lucy
Pullen, Charles
Pullen, Nancy

Pullen, Ruth A.

Rand, Mary A.
Riley, David M.
Richardson, Mary E.
Riley, Lucy M.
Rogers, Theresa O.
Roberts, Betsey
Robinson, Lucinda D.

Sawyer, Mary C.
Sawyer, Mary E.
Seabury, Mary
Shattuck, Hannah
Simpson, Alexander
Simmons, Irene
Sparrell, Sylvia S.
Sparrell, Emeline A.
Stevens, David
Stevens, Lydia T.
Stevens, Esther B.

Tainter, Lydia
Tainter, Charlotte
Teel, Samuel, Jr.
Teel, Elizabeth
Teel, Charlotte
Thomas, Elizabeth P.
Train, Samuel
Trull, Elizabeth C.
Turner, Mary G.

Waite, Elizabeth T.
White, John T.
White, Mary C.
Withington, Martha
Wier, Janet
Wild, Ruth
Wheelwright, George S.
Wheelwright, Lydia B.
Woods, Louisa Eames

Young, Mary E.

Total, 154



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